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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

*Listing of Claims*

1-8 (Canceled).

9(Withdrawn).      The golf ball produced by the molding apparatus of claim 1.

10(Withdrawn).      The golf ball produced by the molding apparatus of claim 6.

11(Withdrawn).      The golf ball produced by the molding apparatus of claim 8.

12 (Currently Amended).      A molding apparatus adapted for forming a golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly having at least two recessed regions defined along an outer surface of said golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly, said molding apparatus comprising:

        a first mold defining (i) a generally flat first mating surface, (ii) a first concave hemispherical molding surface, and (iii) at least two projections located along a circular edge extending between said first mating surface and said first molding surface;

        a second mold defining (i) a generally flat second mating surface, (ii) a second concave hemispherical molding surface, and (iii) at least two projections located along a circular edge extending between said second mating surface and said second molding surface;

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said first and second molds adapted to be placed in a molding configuration in which said first mating surface contacts said second mating surface, and said first molding surface and said second molding surface are aligned with each other to form a generally spherical molding chamber, said at least two projections of said first mold also being aligned with said at least two projections of said second mold which together, serve to form said at least two recessed regions defined along an outer surface of said golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly when such core or assembly is formed in said molding apparatus, the golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly having a diameter ranging from 1.48 inches to 1.66 inches, each of the at least two recess regions having a diameter ranging from 0.020 inch to 0.160 inch and a depth ranging from 0.005 inch to 0.135 inch.

13 (Currently Amended). The molding apparatus of claim 12, wherein said at least two projections of said first mold are two (2) in number and said at least two projections of said second mold are two (2) in number, and wherein each of the two recessed regions has a diameter ranging from 0.040 inch to 0.060 inch and a depth ranging from 0.005 inch to 0.015 inch.

14 (Original). The molding apparatus of claim 13, wherein said at least two projections of said first mold are located at opposite regions of said circular edge extending between said first mating surface and said first molding surface, and said at least two projections of said second mold are located at opposite regions of said circular edge extending between said second mating surface and said second molding surface.

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15(Withdrawn). The golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly produced by the molding apparatus of claim 12.

16(Withdrawn). The golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly produced by the molding apparatus of claim 13.

17(Withdrawn). The golf ball core or intermediate ball assembly produced by the molding apparatus of claim 14.

18-20 (Canceled).